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1. Assignment of Substance or Alcohol Exposed Infants
2. Verification of Medication
3. Medical Marijuana
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5. Decision Making for Investigations Involving Substances

1) Assignment of Substance or Alcohol Exposed Infants***PSM 716-7, Assignment of Substance or Alcohol Exposed Infants***

CPS will investigate complaints alleging that an infant was born exposed to substances not attributed to medical treatment, when exposure is confirmed through positive urine screen of newborn, positive result from meconium testing, positive umbilical cord tissue testing, or confirmation of withdraw symptoms not indicated to be due to medication assisted treatment.

Reason: CPS Program Office Recommendation

2) Verification of Medication***PSM 716-7, Verification of Medication***

Verification of prescribed medication is required when substance use may be a risk factor. Medication requiring verification includes those medications which may also have mood altering properties. Verification of medication occurs through observing the written prescription, prescription container, or contacting the prescribing medical professional.

Reason: CPS Program Office Recommendation

3) Medical Marijuana***PSM 716-7, Medical Marijuana***

If a parent/caregiver indicates that she/he is medically authorized to use marijuana, caseworkers should attempt to verify that the parent has a Michigan Medical Marijuana Program (MMMP) card. Verification of the MMMP card can occur through observation or from LARA. Once verification of the MMMP card has occurred, this does not need to be verified in future investigations.

Reason: CPS Program Office Recommendation

4) Investigation of Infant Substance and/or Alcohol Exposure

PSM 716-7, Investigation of Infant Substance and/or Alcohol Exposure

Provides additional steps for engaging with medical staff to assist in decision making and safety planning in cases involving allegations of substance and/or alcohol exposed infants.

Reason: CPS Program Office Recommendation

5) Decision Making for Investigations Involving Substances

PSM 716-7, Decision Making for Investigations Involving Substances

Caseworkers must make investigation decisions based on the presence or absence of evidence of child abuse or neglect as defined.

Parental substance use, or positive toxicology does not in and of itself prove child abuse or neglect. Substance use is a risk factor, not a determinant for case confirmation.

Several points of consideration for decision making have been provided for caseworkers when investigating cases involving substances.

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